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12. FACTORS AFFECTING OPAC SUBJECT SEARCH

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ABSTRACT

This chapter highlights factors contributing to the failure of Islamic subject search in OPAC. Transliteration was found to be mainly responsible for such failure. Users practiced different Romanisation practice when searching for Islamic works. In addition, most of the variants did not match the Romanisation scheme applied in the bibliographic record.

12.1 THE FREQUENCY OF THE TERMS ASSIGNED FOR THE TOPIC

Table 12.1 shows the assigned subject/s for the topic “*نمو الاقتصاد عن طريق الزكاة* (Economics of Zakah)”. Forty one (41%) respondents assigned one term for the given topic. Another, 32% (32) respondents assigned two terms for the topic. The remaining 27% (27) respondents assigned three terms for the topic.